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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PINR MOPS ET UR US EG  
SUBJECT: SOVIET AIR LIFT TO ETHIOPIA

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR MFA AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AHMED SIDQI DEC 22 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, SIDQI TOLD POLCOUNS THAT GOE HAD ACTED IN RESPONSE TO U.S. DEMARCHE OF DEC 17 ON SOVIET AIR LIFT TO ETHIOPIA (REFTEL). ACTING FONMIN BOUTROS GHALI HAD ON DEC 20 SENT A MESSAGE TO OAU SEC GEN ETIKI AND GABONESE FONMIN BONGO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. MESSAGE ASKED THAT BONGO CIRCULATE IT TO ALL OAU MEMBERS. MESSAGE DRAWS ATTENTION TO DETERIORATION OF SITUATION IN THE HORN AND REQUESTS THAT BONGO IMMEDIATELY CONVENE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE SET BY LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT TO STUDY SITUATION IN THE OGADEN AS WELL AS FOREIGN INTER-  
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VENTION IN THE REGION. MESSAGE SAID THAT FOREIGN INTERVENTION IS NOT ONLY ENDANGERING THE HORN, BUT HAS TAKEN ON NEW DIMENSION IN FORM OF AIR LIFT CARRIED OUT BY SUPER-POWER KNOWN TO ALL. THIS INTERVENTION IS NOT ONLY THREATENING SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE HORN, BUT THREATENS ALL MEMBERS OF OAU.

2. POLCOUNS EXPRESSED WHAT HE WAS SURE WOULD BE DEPARTMENT'S APPRECIATION FOR RAPID RESPONSE TAKEN BY GOE TO CALL ATTENTION TO SOVIET AIR LIFT.

3. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN HORN, SIDQI REFERRED TO EARLIER DISCUSSION ON U.S. POSITION VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA AND U.S. ORAL WARNING TO SOVIETS THAT THEIR ACTIONS HAD CONSEQUENCES FOR U.S.-USSR RELATIONSHIP (PARAS 9 AND 10 STATE 295102). SIDQI REITERATED VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL THAT SOVIETS ARE CONFIDENT THAT U.S. WILL NOT OPPOSE THEM IN ETHIOPIA AND ARE THEREFORE NOT LIKELY TO BE DETERRED BY DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHES. WHAT WAS NEEDED, SIDQI SAID, WAS CONCRETE U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. POLCOUNS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN REPORT GOE VIEWS TO WASHINGTON. EILTS

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